



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7039**
Takashi NAKANO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004-0770A
Serial No. 10/849,023 : Group Art Unit 3673
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SHAFT SEAL MECHANISM : **MAIL STOP: AF**

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3600**

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated November 2, 2006 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 6-12.

- (X) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- (X) The extension fee of \$1,020.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- (X) The Appeal Fee of [X] \$500.00 (other than Small Entity)
[] \$250.00 (Small Entity)
- (X) is enclosed
() is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
() is enclosed.
() has been previously submitted.

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TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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() The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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